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**ALL YOUR FAVORITE LANTERNS,
ALL ACROSS THE UNIVERSE!**



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MORGAN HAMPTON
AND ARTIST
FERNANDO PASARIN
GATHER THE CORPS FOR A NEW ONGOING SERIES



ALL IN
FEBRUARY

DHARAVI, INDIA.

YOU WORKED WITH HIM AT THE TEXTILE FACTORY. HE HAD DINNER WITH YOUR FAMILY.

YOU WERE **FRIENDS**. NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING FRIENDS.

ORAPA, BOTSWANA.

HE SAVED YOUR **LIFE**, LIFTED THE CRANE OFF YOU ALL BY HIMSELF. YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU DON'T **REMEMBER** HIM?

LAJES CREEK, BRAZIL.

DID HE **SAY** ANYTHING ABOUT WHERE HE WAS FROM? ANYTHING ABOUT WHERE HE WAS **GOING**?

ELE DISSE ALGUMA COISA?

MINSK, BELARUS.

LOOK... I THINK WE'RE GETTING OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT HERE.

YOU FEEL LIKE YOU NEED TO **PROTECT** HIM FROM ME. BUT I'M THE ONE WHO WANTS TO **PROTECT** HIM.

JUÁREZ, MEXICO.

HE'S **ALONE** OUT THERE. I BELIEVE HE'S **VERY** FAR FROM HOME.

HE CAN DO **AMAZING** THINGS, WE KNOW THAT, WE'VE SEEN IT, BUT...

LAI CHÂU, VIETNAM.

BUT HE CAN'T REALLY **CONTROL** THOSE POWERS, CAN HE?

SOONER OR LATER HE'S GOING TO **HURT** HIMSELF. OR SOMEONE ELSE.

HE'S **AFRAID**. HE NEEDS **HELP**. HE **WANTS** HELP.

I CAN HELP HIM.

CAPE WINELANDS, SOUTH AFRICA.

YOU DON'T TRUST **LAZARUS CORP**. I GET IT.

THEY PROMISED YOU PROSPERITY, BUT YOU LIVE IN AN "INFORMAL SETTLEMENT" WITH 400,000 OTHER WORKERS.

I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO TRUST LAZARUS.

PINE RIDGE RESERVATION, UNITED STATES.

I'M ASKING YOU TO TRUST **ME**.

AND I'M FULLY AWARE THAT I HAVE TO **EARN** THAT TRUST.

SO... FORGET THE OTHER QUESTIONS I WAS ASKING FOR A SECOND AND JUST TELL ME ONE THING...

CAIRO, EGYPT.

WHO GAVE YOU THAT **WOUND**?



YOU'RE
CRENSHAW,
RIGHT?

GONNA...
GONNA
KILL...

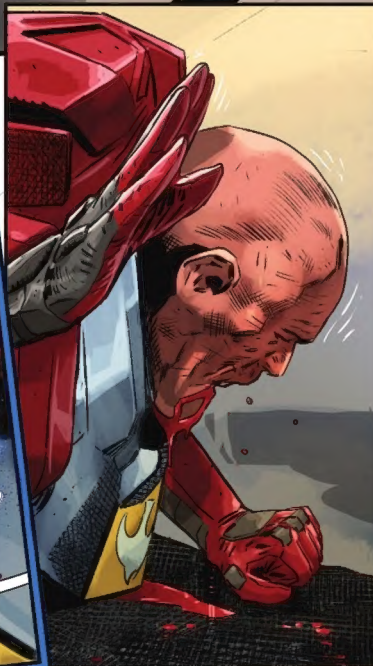
I HEAR
YOU LIKE TO
CUT PEOPLE
FOR FUN.

...KILL
YOU, YOU
STUPID--



WHICH
HAND'S YOUR
KNIFING
HAND?

YOU DON'T
SHOW ME, I'LL
ASSUME IT'S
BOTH.



AFTER THIS,
WE'RE **DONE** HERE,
PEACEMAKER.

EXCEPT
FOR **ONE** LAST
THING.

WARRIOR

YOU'RE
UNDER
ARREST.

AAAAA
GGGGG
H!

LAZARUS

"I KNOW WHY
YOU ASK THESE
QUESTIONS.*

"I KNOW
WHY YOU ARE
CHASING HIM.

"EVEN IF
YOU YOURSELF
DO NOT.

*TRANSLATED FROM
PORTUGUESE.



IT CHANGES YOU. BEING IN HIS PRESENCE. YOU FEEL THIS NOW, I CAN TELL.

YOU SLEEP FOR MANY HOURS YET STILL DON'T WANT TO WAKE.



BECAUSE WHEN YOU SLEEP, YOU CAN SEE HIM, YES?

BURNED INTO THE DARKNESS BEHIND YOUR EYES.

SOMETIMES, WHEN YOU TRY VERY HARD... YOU CAN EVEN FEEL THE SIZZLE OF HIS DUST IN THE AIR.



YOU WERE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, AGENT LANE.

NOW YOU CANNOT HELP BUT CHASE THE STORM.

I WENT LOOKING FOR HIM AS WELL. AFTER HE SAVED ME AND MY FAMILY AT THE MINE.



AFTER HE SAVED ME, I SEARCHED FOR HIM. NOTHING ELSE SEEMED TO MAKE SENSE.*

BUT I COULDN'T FIND HIM.

*TRANSLATED FROM SETSWANA.



I COULDN'T FIND HIM. AND NEITHER WILL YOU.*

BECAUSE HE IS A WHISPER.

*TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH.



A WHISPER WHO WALKS AMONG SCREAMS.*

HE SEES ALL. CHILDREN IN CAGES, FAMILIES CLINGING TO RAFTS. GROWN MEN WEEPING ON THE FACTORY FLOOR.

AS YOU SAY, HE IS AFRAID.

*TRANSLATED FROM LAKOTA.



BUT NOT AFRAID OF YOU.

THE SUPERMAN FEARS THE DAY LAZARUS WILL DRIVE HIM TO SUCH ANGER... HE CANNOT HELP BUT SAVE THIS WORLD...

LAZARUS



BY KILLING YOU ALL.*

I PRAY FOR THIS.

*TRANSLATED FROM ARABIC.



WE ALL PRAY FOR SUCH A THING.*

IN EVERY LANGUAGE, IN EVERY SLUM ACROSS THE WORLD.

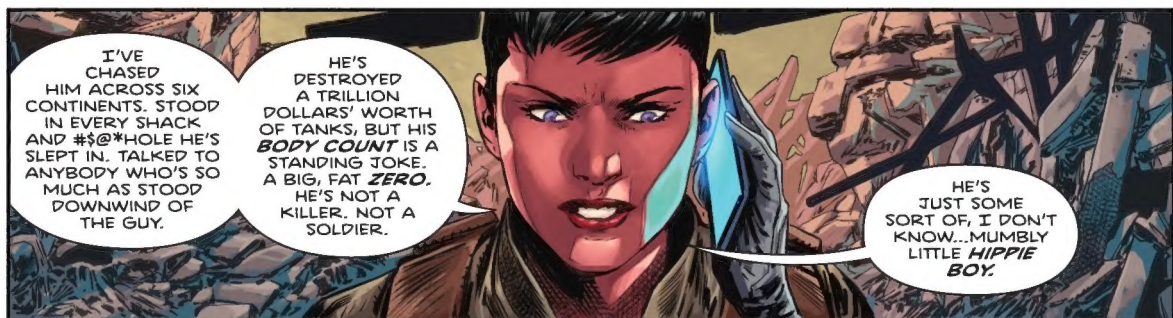
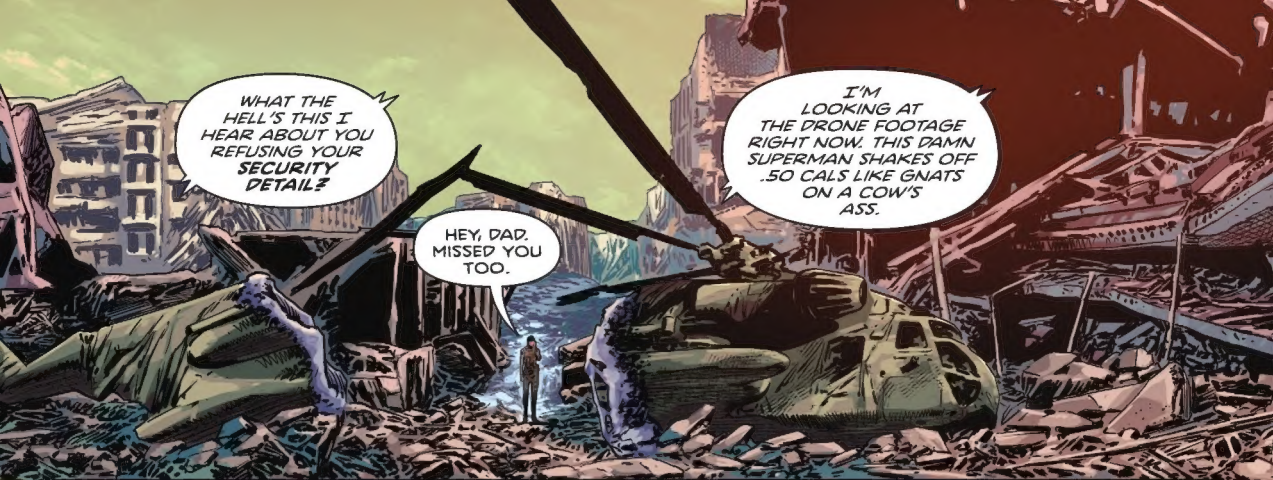
IT IS WHY HE HAS COME TO US, I KNOW.

*TRANSLATED FROM VIETNAMESE.

"WE PRAY FOR
THE SUPERMAN'S
RAGE."

ORANGI TOWN,
PAKISTAN.







DAD...
I'M SORRY,
I DIDN'T
MEAN...

I CAN'T
GO INTO THE FIELD
WITH A SQUAD OF
PEACEMAKERS. I NEED
THESE PEOPLE TO
TRUST ME.

HAD ME
AN **ENGAGEMENT
OFFICER** IN QURAC
WAS ALWAYS SAYING
STUPID CRAP LIKE
THAT.

GOING
ON ABOUT
THE IMPORTANCE
OF "**COMMUNITY
INTERFACE**." DIDN'T
WANT AN ARMED
ESCORT WHEN HE
WENT VILLAGE TO
VILLAGE.



LAST WE
SAW OF HIM
WAS A **VIDEO**
SHOWED UP
ONE DAY.

FROM
THE **OMEGA
MEN**.

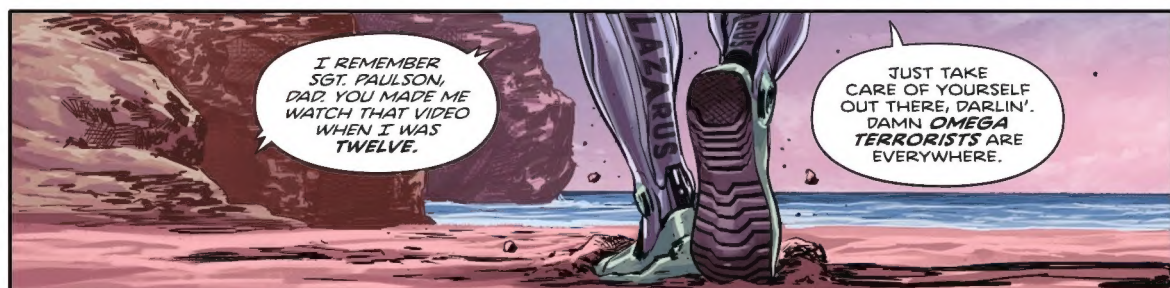
BUNCHA FELLAS
IN IT WEARING
MASKS, JABBERING
SOMETHING ABOUT
FREEDOM.

COULDN'T
MAKE OUT MUCH
OF THE PARTICULARS
OVER THE **BAND
SAW**.



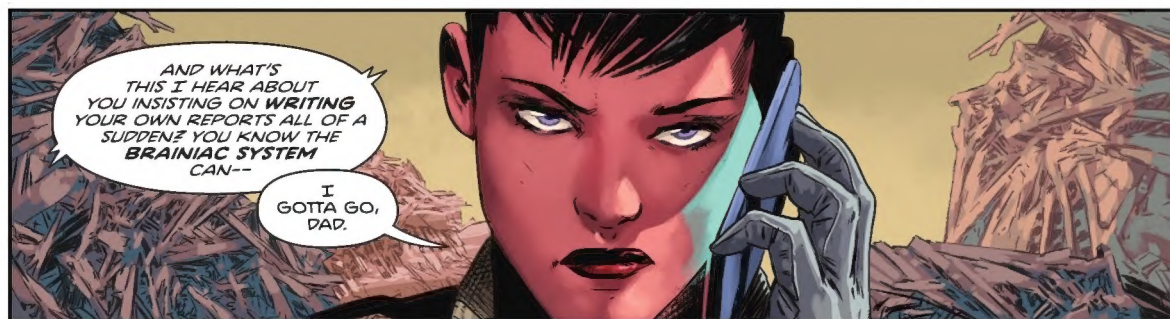
AFTER THAT,
ONLY **COMMUNITY
INTERFACING** I
GAVE A DAMN ABOUT
WEIGHED **TWO
THOUSAND POUNDS**
AND CAME OUTTA
THE SKY **LASER-
GUIDED**.

FEAR'S
A HELLUVA
LOT SAFER POINT
MAN THAN TRUST,
EVERY TIME. YOU
REMEMBER
THAT, LOIS.



I REMEMBER
SGT. PAULSON,
DAD. YOU MADE ME
WATCH THAT VIDEO
WHEN I WAS
TWELVE.

JUST TAKE
CARE OF YOURSELF
OUT THERE, DARLIN'.
DAMN **OMEGA
TERRORISTS** ARE
EVERYWHERE.



AND WHAT'S
THIS I HEAR ABOUT
YOU INSISTING ON **WRITING**
YOUR OWN REPORTS ALL OF A
SUDDEN? YOU KNOW THE
BRAINIAC SYSTEM
CAN--

I
GOTTA GO,
DAD.





I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF!

THE WAY HE TOSSED US AROUND LIKE WE WERE NOTHING, *MELTED* OUR ARMOR WITH HIS... HIS EYES!

AND THOSE PEOPLE THERE... THEY WERE *SMILING* ABOUT IT! HAVING A GREAT BIG *LAUGH*, ON THE INSIDE! YOU COULD TELL!

SO... SO I...



YES, YOU WERE IN SHOCK FROM THE TRAUMA YOU HAD ENDURED AT THE HANDS OF THIS SUPERMAN...

...AND YOUR WEAPON ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED IN THE VICINITY OF UNARMED CIVILIANS.

LUCKILY, NO ONE WAS HURT.



NO DOUBT IT WAS YOUR PEACEMAKER TRAINING THAT PREVENTED ANY INJURIES.

NO! NO, I JUST... MISSED!

MY HAND WAS SHAKING! BUT I WAS *TRYING*... I WAS DEFINITELY TRYING TO *SHOOT* THEM!



I WAS TRAINED TO MAINTAIN PEACE AT ALL COSTS. ALL COSTS!

SOMETIMES I WORRY THAT... I COULD DO REALLY *AWFUL* THINGS IN THE NAME OF--

BRAINIAC UNDERSTANDS. WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS... YOUR GUN MISFIRED.



NO. THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING AT--

THE WEAPON WAS *DEFECTIVE*. IT WILL BE RECALLED AND REPAIRED. YOU WILL BE ISSUED A NEW RIFLE.

NO, DAMN IT! AREN'T YOU *LISTENING* TO WHAT I'M SAYING?!

I NEED TO TALK TO A REAL PERSON, AND NOT JUST SOME *ALGORITHM* THAT--



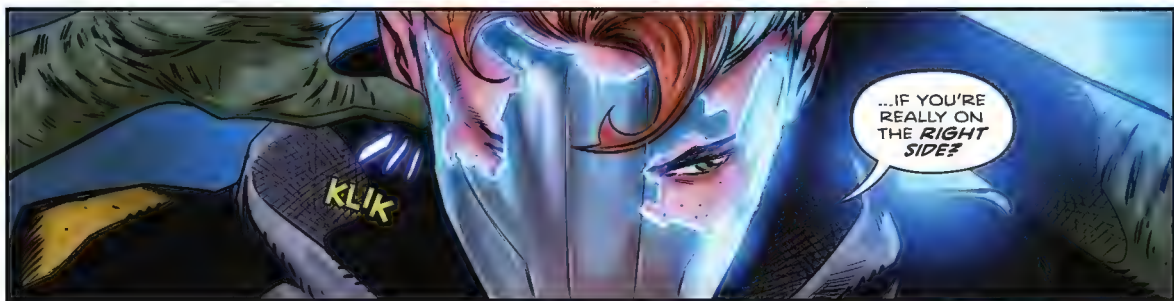
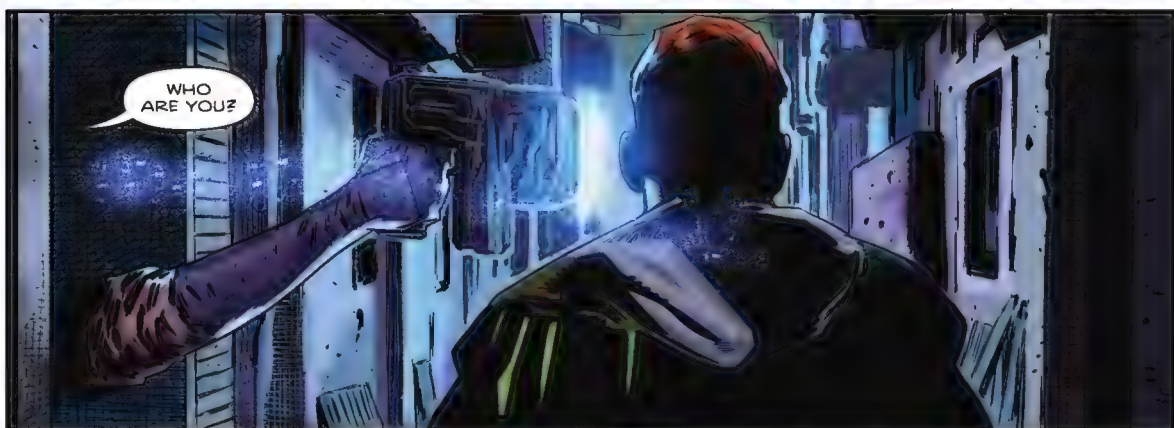
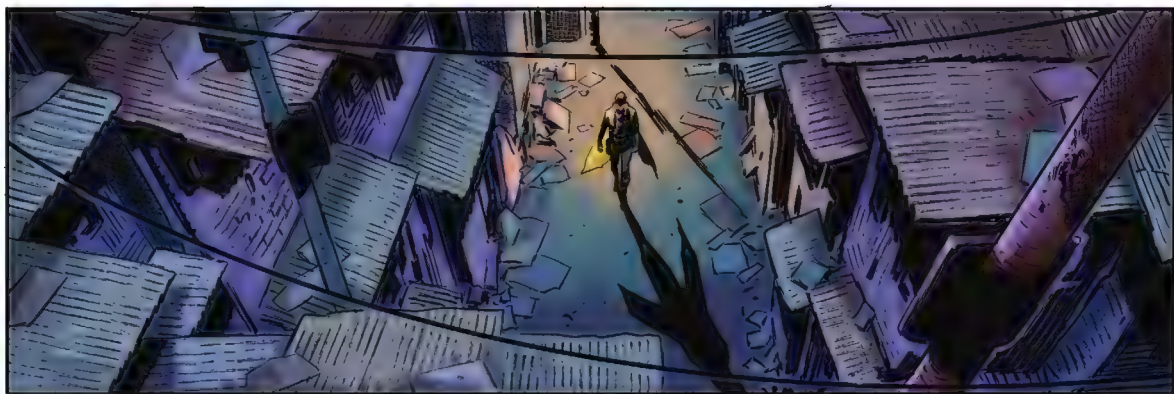
YOU WILL RETURN TO DUTY, IMMEDIATELY.

THERE IS AN OPENING IN THE ORANGE TOWN DETAIL.

NO... PLEASE...

THIS CONCLUDES YOUR THERAPY SESSION, PEACEMAKER SMITH.

LAZARUS THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.





GAAGH!



YOU'LL
BE BLIND FOR
A GOOD COUPLE
MINUTES. LOWER
THE GUN,
LANE.

I JUST
WANNA
TALK.



UUGH!

IF YOU
THINK I
HAVEN'T BEEN
TRAINED TO FIGHT
WHILE BLINDED, YOU
DON'T KNOW AS
MUCH ABOUT
LAZARUS AS
YOU THINK!

STAY
DOWN!



I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN WITH LAZARUS FOR THREE YEARS, EVER SINCE YOUR FATHER'S ACCIDENT.

YOU'RE ONE OF THEIR SHARPEST YOUNG AGENTS.

BUT I BET I KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR EMPLOYERS THAN YOU DO.



DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHO THE LAZARUS DIRECTOR IS? AND WHAT HE'S DOING TO THE WORKING POOR OF THIS--

GNNGH!

I KNOW NOT TO TRUST SOME MASKED TERRORIST, WHO BUTCHERS IN THE NAME OF FREEDOM!

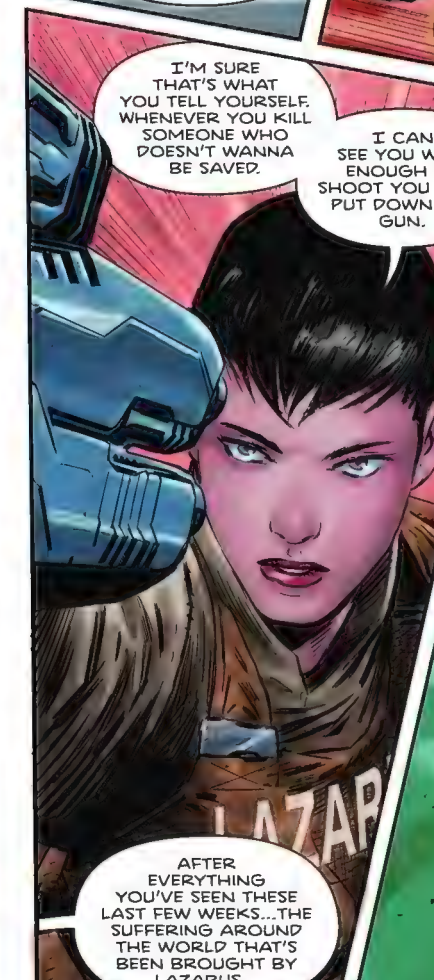


YOU'RE WAY TOO SMART TO FALL FOR THE SAME OLD PROPAGANDA, LANE.

"LAZARUS IS LIFE"?

I THINK WE BOTH KNOW OTHERWISE.

THE OMEGAS FIGHT TO **SAVE** THIS WORLD.



I'M SURE THAT'S WHAT YOU TELL YOURSELF. WHENEVER YOU KILL SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T WANNA BE SAVED.

I CAN SEE YOU WELL ENOUGH TO SHOOT YOU NOW. PUT DOWN THE GUN.



...I HOPED YOU'D BE READY TO ACCEPT THE TRUTH.

BUT I'M AFRAID MY TIME'S ALMOST UP. SO I HAVE JUST ONE THING LEFT TO SAY TO YOU, MS. LANE.

AFTER EVERYTHING YOU'VE SEEN THESE LAST FEW WEEKS...THE SUFFERING AROUND THE WORLD THAT'S BEEN BROUGHT BY LAZARUS...



RUN.





**SHOTS
FIRED!**

WE'VE GOT
SHOTS FIRED
IN THE SLUMS!
AGENT IN NEED OF
ASSISTANCE!



LET'S ROLL OUT,
PEACEMAKERS!

SMITH!
YOU'RE ON
POINT!

PEACE
AT ALL COSTS.
PEACE AT ALL
COSTS.

**CHRISTOPHER
SMITH! GET YOUR
DAMN HEAD IN
THE GAME!**



SIR,
YES, SIR!

**MOVE!
OUTTA THE
DAMN WAY!**



BRAINIAC!
NONLETHAL
ROUNDS ONLY!
I WANT THESE
TWO FOR
QUESTIONING!

UNDERSTOOD.
LOADING
EVISCERATOR
ROUNDS.

DAMMIT, YOU
WORTHLESS
HUNK OF--



SHHHK



AGENT
LANE.

LET
ME GUESS.
**OMEGA
PRIME.**

OH, CALL
ME **PRIMUS**,
DEARIE. AFTER
ALL...



...I'M AN
OLD FRIEND
OF THE
FAMILY!

KLANG



HOW IS THE
GENERAL THESE
DAYS?

A BIT
SHORTER
THAN THE
LAST TIME WE
MET, I'D
WAGER.

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R
R
GGH!



ALPHA. I
TOLD YOU TO
FALL BACK.



WHAT THE
HELL DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
DOING?

ARE YOU
POINTING THAT
GUN AT **ME** OR
AT **HER**?

I
DON'T...
I'M NOT
SURE.



I JUST THINK
WE ALL NEED TO
TAKE A MOMENT
TO...TO...

WHAT
THE HELL
IS...



THOOM!

SUPERMAN...THE
OMEGA MEN STAND
READY TO HELP YOU IN
YOUR FIGHT AGAINST
LAZARUS.

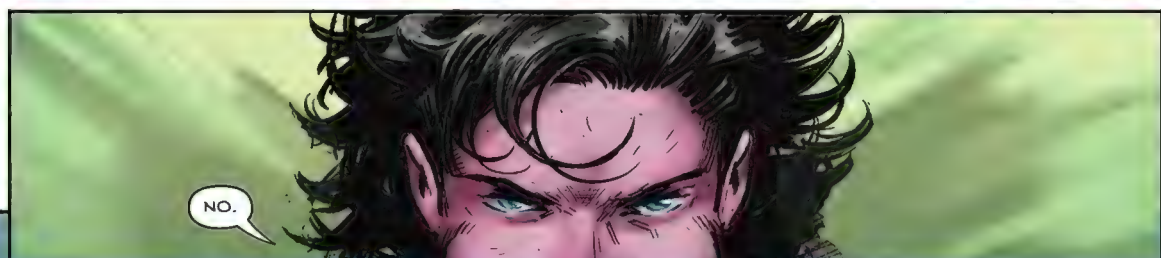
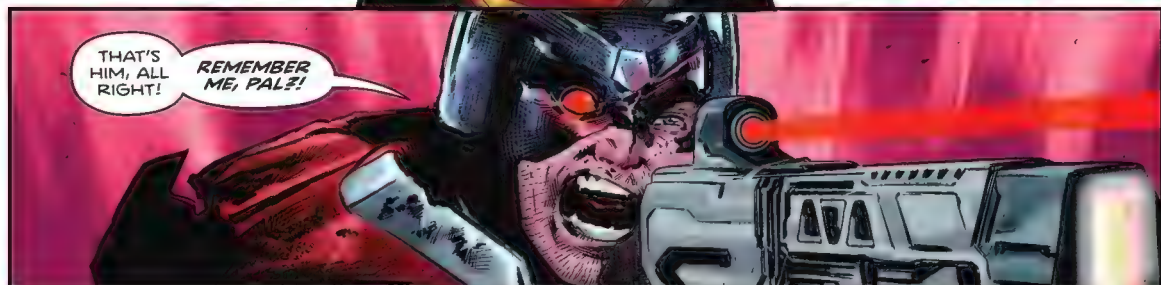
PLEASE,
COME WITH US
AND **TOGETHER**
WE CAN--



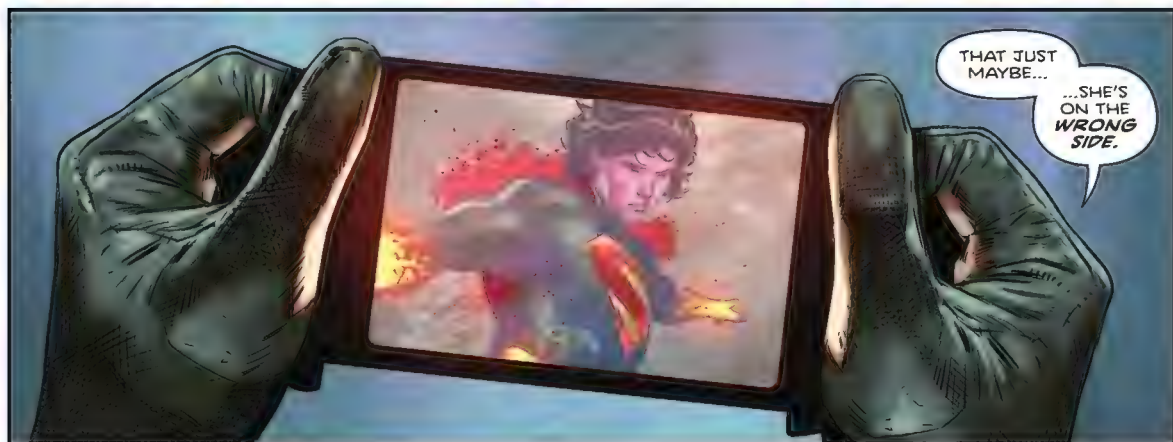
YOU.

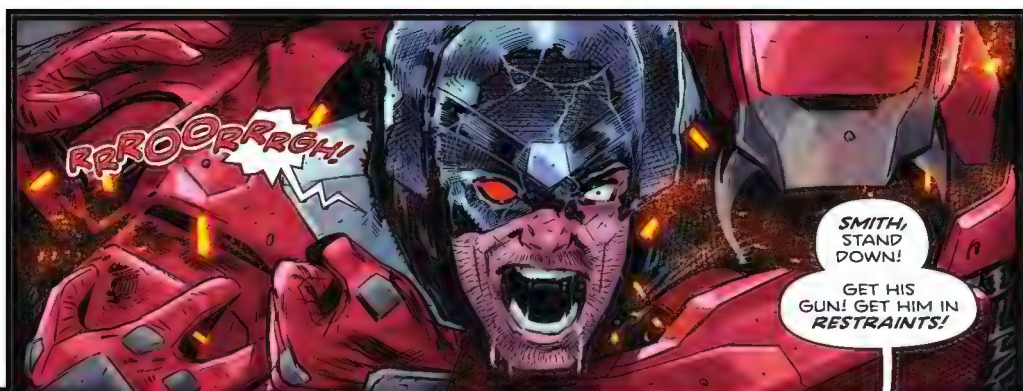
LAZARUS











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THE RAGE OF THE
SUPERMAN!**

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INTERVIEW WITH WRITERS JEREMY ADAMS AND MORGAN HAMPTON

The intergalactic band is back together in DC's first *Green Lantern Corps* series in years, debuting in February from the creative team of writers Jeremy Adams (*Green Lantern*) and Morgan Hampton (*Cyborg*) and artist Fernando Pasarin (*The Flash*). This new monthly series stars John Stewart, Guy Gardner, Jo Muellein, Jessica Cruz, Simon Baz, Kyle Rayner, and many more—and they're going to need all the help they can get, with massive threats on the rise across the cosmos.

IS THERE A MAIN CHARACTER (OR CHARACTERS) IN *GREEN LANTERN CORPS*, OR IS IT A TRUE ENSEMBLE?

JEREMY ADAMS: I think of it as an ensemble. We'll be focusing on specific characters for different mini-arcs, but really, the *Green Lantern Corps* is about everyone who wears a ring, which...even though there aren't as many as there used to be, is still a lot!

MORGAN HAMPTON: They'll all be there all the time, but we'll be shifting focus here and there to see what's driving them.

SERIES ARTIST FERNANDO PASARIN CALLS THIS HIS DREAM PROJECT. WHAT'S BEEN MOST REWARDING ABOUT COLLABORATING WITH HIM ON THIS SO FAR?

ADAMS: I've worked with Fernando a lot, and each time he turns around and surprises me. His detail and attention to the background always have me floored. He's the perfect person to bring the cosmic world of DC Comics to life!



HAMPTON: He's so passionate about these characters, and that is on display with every line drawn. Getting an email from him with pages is like opening up a gift on Christmas, and it's always better than expected. Every panel, every page is full of so much love and care.



**DON'T MISS
GREEN LANTERN CORPS #1,
ON SALE IN FEBRUARY!**

WHAT'S COMPELLING TO YOU ABOUT THE THREAT SORROW REPRESENTS TO THE CORPS? AND WHAT KIND OF FAR-OUT POCKETS OF THE DC UNIVERSE WILL READERS SEE ON THE MISSION TO STOP HIM?

HAMPTON: It's interesting to write Sorrow because his motivations come from such a sad place. There's a lot of potential there, especially because Sorrow's power is so immense and his emotion runs so deep.

ADAMS: As far as places we'll go...I think the question is where *won't* we go. Morgan and I are really trying to hit it all.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE LANTERN YOU'VE GOTTEN TO WRITE IN THIS SERIES?

ADAMS: My go-to is Guy, but I find myself drawn to Keli and Ellie. I like the kid characters, and I think Morgan and I have some great dramatic things to do with them in the future.

HAMPTON: For me, it's John. It's been a dream come true to add to his character.



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